

# Fern Likes

Most ferns are:

- understory plants.

- prefer a pH of 5.5 to 6.5.

- prefer moist but well drained organic soils.

Humidity is greatly appreciated by ferns.

Siting out of windy situations is important.

Mulches tend to increase humidity.

Planting ferns in groups helps create a humid atmosphere.

Competition from tree roots can be a problem. Ferns will need extra watering, mulching and fertilizing if they are to cope, especially in the establishment phase.

# Fern Dislikes

Full sun is a major enemy of most ferns.

Ferns like air movement but hate wind.

Ferns are moisture-loving plants and dislike dry soils and dry atmosphere.

Because ferns are shallow rooted they resent a bare soil surface.